



Board of State and Community Corrections
600 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95811
916.445.5073 PHONE
916.327.3317 FAX
bscc.ca.gov

GOVERNOR **Edmund G. Brown Jr.**
CHAIR **Linda M. Penner**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **Kathleen T. Howard**

Friday, March 07, 2014

To: Chief Probation Officers

From: Kathleen T. Howard, Executive Director
Board of State and Community Corrections

SUBJECT: **REDUCING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITY GRANT-REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Board of State and Community Corrections is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$1 million in Federal Formula Grant funds to support the **Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity Grant**.

California's State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which oversees the use of federal funds administered by the BSCC, identified three priority areas in its Strategic Plan on which California will focus program efforts. The three priority areas are Evidence-Based Practices, Strategic Support and Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (previously known as Disproportionate Minority Contact or DMC).

Formula Grant Funds made available through this program will support the ultimate goal of eliminating racial and ethnic disparities across the juvenile justice continuum. For this solicitation, the goals and the objectives are comprised of several prioritized themes. These themes include the emphasis on community engagement as a lynchpin to improved outcomes, the intersection between the reduction of implicit bias and the data-driven decision-making; and lastly, applying principles that focus on enhancing correctional practices while still allowing for innovation. BSCC hopes to better equip probation departments with the tools and resources necessary for leadership in developing and/or strengthening racial and ethnic disparity reduction activities.

Up to \$250,000 per project will be awarded for one year, with the possibility of second, third and fourth year funding should Congress appropriate funds and the project continue to demonstrate effectiveness.

The RFP and instructions are posted on the BSCC's website at: www.bscc.ca.gov. Only counties are eligible to apply for these funds and each county must designate the Probation Department as the implementing agency of the project.

Proposals must be received at the BSCC office in Sacramento no later than 5:00 PM on April 4, 2014. Should you have questions, please contact BSCC's RED/DMC Coordinator, Shaline Hunter at (916) 322-8081 or via email at Shaline.hunter@bscc.ca.gov